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From the Oval Office

By Susan Swiderski, AF4FO, GARS President

If you weren't at Field Day this year, you really missed out on an outstanding event, all the way around. Let me fill you in a little bit....

The total number of attendees who were signed in was slightly up this year, to 215 people... 125 visitors and 90 GARS members. It was a nice slow and steady pace of incoming people, rather than a huge group at once, so it never got too crowded at any



given time. This is the very first time that we actually had more visitors than members in attendance. What's especially exciting about this is that many of our visitors were under the age of 20, and quite a few of them spent considerable time on the

air making contacts. Credit for attracting so many young people this year falls directly on the shoulders of CAROL and VICTOR GANN, June's "unsung heroes". Carol has been doing an exceptional job of PR for GARS, and she promoted Field Day in many innovative and effective ways. For the second year, she and Victor set up a KID'S TENT, which offered many educational and fun activities for youngsters.

Victor even taught a 3-

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Bob Varone, W4ETN and 2001 Field Day Chairman and GARS President Susan Siderski, AF4FO Survey the Field Day site.

More Field Day pictures on pages 9 and 12.

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HOT FREQUENCIES

By Barry Zoll, N1TOQ

I often drive to downtown Atlanta for one thing or another and sometimes have trouble hitting the GARS repeater with my HT. Like most of us, I enjoy the comfort knowing that I have a repeater close by should I need assistance or be in the position to lend a hand.

During my last trip to the "big city", I worked two repeaters that I know you'd find interesting. They are:

146.82

145.41

146.82 has a link system on it that during certain times of the day (I experienced this particular situation at 1 AM), it connects to a network that will allow you to talk around the world. My first "DX" contacts on the repeater were with two stations near Melbourne, Australia.

Got a frequency to share? Send it to me at N1TOQ@arrl.net

Programs Coming Up at GARS Meetings

By Bill Ahls, AB0KF

The following presentations will be made at upcoming GARS Meetings:

19-July-01 Mobile Antennas

16-Aug-01 Maximize Receiver Effectivity by Larry Scheff, W4QEJ

Read Larry's two-part article in February and March 2001 QST. He is suggesting a good technique for HF radio. Please email to me questions for Larry's presentation at AB0KF@arrl.net. Did you try or do you use Larry's method of selectivity? It's a very interesting article and worth the read. If you don't have copies of the February and March QST's and you are a member of the ARRL, go to www.arrl.org as they will be posted there. 73

Bill Ahls
AB0KF

Field Day Picture Web Sites

Did you miss field day and wonder what everyone is talking about? Or, were you there and so focused on operating that you didn't get to take in all the activities?

Well, thanks to the GARS photographers, there are a couple of web sites available that feature pictures from the 2001 Gars Field Day. They are:

<http://www.ofoto.com/I.jsp?m=75032925103&n=660246346>

Courtesy of Ike Chapman, K4WEC

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GARS/files/FieldDayPix/>

Courtesy of Drady Hendley, KG4OAH

http://www.accessatlanta.com/partners/ajc/epaper/editions/monday/gwinnett_b37351f9e0afa11a001f.html

Courtesy of David Knowles, KD4HNH

Thanks to all for your submissions!

STAY CONNECTED!

- Call the nets
- Attend the Meetings
- Use the Email List
- Check the Website
- [Www.gars.org](http://www.gars.org)



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Field Day Thanks

Lawrenceville, GA (USA) - Thanks to all who participated, planned, and worked at the GARS Field Day 2001. Here is a sampling of some of the "thank yous" sent via the GARS email list.

"Thanks to everyone that helped me operate at Field Day! - especially Steve, Eddy & Bob - and to Bill for the great logging program! Thanks for your patience and good coaching. It was a blast and I look forward to my next contest! Thanks also to everyone who helped each of the children who did the scavenger hunt. It was great for them as well as their parents and I'd like to continue developing it for hamfests, techfests, etc."

73 Carol KG4ETR

"I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this years Field Day yet another great success for GARS. I have had many good comments especially from non-club members, thanking the club for making them feel welcome and taking the time to explain what Amateur Radio is all about. Way to go Guy's & Gal's!!! Joe Biddle did a great job with the food. Bill Ahls provided the computer know how to make the FD logging work like a charm, no more paper logs. Mary Ahls supplied the big smile and was a key person in making our guests feel at home and welcome. Mike Swiderski again picked up the challenge of coordinating the Band Captains, thanks Mike. Carol and Victor Gann, what can I say but WOW, you are both the greatest! Your work with the kids and media Publicity has done wonders to promote Amateur Radio. Barry Zoll provided the generators and David Adcock was responsible for the site set up, generator operations and antennas, what we have done without you!. As always. Kevin McClure did the AC power wiring. Thanks to Mike Kovack, our Field Day co-chairman, I know he will do a great job next year. Looking forward to seeing you all at Field Day 2002".

Best 73 Bob Varone

W4ETN

GARS 2001 Field Day Chairman

GWINNETT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

June Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2001

Submitted by Sharon Carter, KG4HKO

President Susan Swiderski, AF4FO, opened the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Introduction of officers: Sid, K4SID, vice president; Dan, KF4YSU, treasurer; Bill, AB0KF, activities manager; and Sharon, KG4HKO, secretary. Also introduced were membership co-chairs Scott KF4PWI and Andrea KG4IUM.

Introduction of visitors: Norm WA4ZXV -- first time visitor and new member

Sodas -- \$1, free to first time visitors

Member News: Andrea -- new General, also had her first CW QSO, QRP to France - she has written an article for ARRL, which may be published in an upcoming issue of QST magazine. Sharon -- as a result of the club's earlier radio demonstration at Richard's Middle School, has been offered a position to teach 6th grade science next year, and will sponsor an amateur radio club. Howie update -- doing better, planning to attend VE session at St John Neuman's tomorrow night, and to visit FD. Carlton, WA4ZUW has had accident -- fell off loading dock and broke foot. A card is being circulated.

Secretary's report: minutes approved as printed in GARZETTE

Treasurer's report: copies distributed for review, new budget to be worked on at next EXEC mtg. July 1 is start of fiscal year.

VP: no report

Special Events: FD this weekend, demo of logging at meeting tonight. Next month's program will explore mobile and HF antennas, while achieving maximum reflector effectivity will be the program for the August meeting.

Membership: sign-in shows dues date ; helpers needed to send out welcome packages to new hams in county -- sign up for service with ARRL, assemble and send new member packages,

New members: Javier Rosado NP3HU not in attendance, and Norman Schklar WA4ZXV.

GARS table at ARC Hamfest -- great job by Carol and Victor. Info for visitors, about Venture Crew, etc.

PR: signs up for FD at entrance of Rhodes Jordan Park, AJC reporter and photographer Sunday @ 10:00

Venture Crew: FD patch -- \$2, need to sell all 200. Will set up a newcomers and children's booth at FD. Larry -- JMT presentation to boy scouts -- invite to FD -- approx 35. JR GARS -- expand VC ages to include MS -- ages 10+: program 7-8, 8-8:30 net, 8:30-9 business meeting -- check in 3rd party

Club Apparel: incentive program -- extra ticket for drawing; pictures of apparel, copies of order form to new members

Proclamation from Gwinnett County: Amateur Radio Appreciation Week, presented by John ____ N4OAK

FD T-shirts -- not yet in. \$10 -- nets club \$80 profit -- + donation

LARC Hamfest July 14 -- would like us to do a Tech-Fest type demo -- provide free space and entry. No volunteers to take up on offer -- see sign-sheet

Sign-ups -- 20m, Dog Show, GA Games,

ARRL membership goes up Jul 1, currently \$34.

EXEC mtg. will be moving to Sophia;s Valentinos 316 across from airport -- anyone welcome to attend

Unsung Heros -- Carol and Victor Gann -- work with Crew 73 - interaction with kids, Pixie event, expansion to JR GARS, Victor teaching classes, Carol with PR, etc.

Father's Day -- outstanding model of fatherhood -- Don

FD update/final info

DRAWINGS:

World Radio: single issue --World Radio: 1 yr subscription HRO \$25 down-payment -- Victor

Field Day logging program demo.

Headsets and splitters will be available at FD, locate low pass filters

Close at 9:15 PM

Metro Atlanta Club Meetings

First Tuesday

Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers

Old Hickory House
5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody
Dutch dinner is at 6:30 PM, followed by meeting.
Talk In 145.410(-)

Kennehoochee ARC

First United Methodist Church in Marietta
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM
Talk In 146.880(-)

First Thursday

Atlanta Radio Club

American Red Cross Building, Lindberg Plaza
Meeting is at 7:30 PM
Talk In -146.820(-)

N.E. Georgia ARC

Jefferson Civic Center
Off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder from
Jefferson
Meeting is at 6:30 PM
Talk In - 147.225(+)

North Fulton Amateur Radio League

Shoney's Restaurant
Holcomb Bridge Road at grimes Bridge Road
Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 145.47(-)

Second Thursday

Alford Memorial Radio Club

Killian Hall, Killian Hill Road
Lilburn
Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 146.760(-)

Second Saturday

East Atlanta LAN

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Dunwoody
Meeting is at 10:00 AM
Talk In - 145.410(-) and 443.025(+)

Third THURSDAY



Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

Central Baptist Church
Gwinnett Drive
Lawrenceville
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall.
Talk In -147.075(+) and 444.525(+)



Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions.

First Sunday

WCARS VEC

2:00 PM

(Except July and September)

Johnson High School
3305 Poplar Springs RD, Gainesville
Terry Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

First Saturday, Even Months

8:30AM

Clayton County Emergency
Management Building
7496 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro
Milton Nitz, AF4FS, 770-968-8780
(for information, please call between 2
PM and 9 PM only)

Second Tuesday

7:00PM

Walton EMC
3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA
(770)498-7759

Second Saturday, Odd Months

CA VEC

8:30 AM

Stone Mountain Methodist Church
5312 West Mountain St.
Stone Mountain

Bob Verone, W4ETN
(770)978-3179

Third Saturday

CA VEC

9:00AM

Marietta First United Methodist Church
Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave
Marietta
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ
(770)955-3171

Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC

7:00 PM

United Way Service Center
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK
(770)942-6466.

Fourth Friday

W5YI VEC

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Lanier Mountain, Snellville

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Lanier Mountain, Snellville

70 Cm Repeater

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82.5 PL

Main Repeater Site

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hour class to a group of Scouts, which gave the boys credit for their Radio badge.

Members of CREW 73 were active and very helpful. RAY BACK was a huge help at the hospitality table and did a great job of wrestling folks to the ground to sell them badges and tee shirts. In fact, he did such a good job that he even managed to make a sale to everybody's favorite section manager, SANDY DONAHUE, when he stopped in on Saturday evening just mere moments before the ringing of the dinner bell. (impeccable timing is but one of Sandy's incredible talents...)

The queen of the airwaves, Crystal Florea, outdid herself by making 513 contacts this year, more than doubling her efforts from last year. AARON KLINECT made his first contact, and he enjoyed it so much that he kept on racking up the contacts and having a ball. ERIC SNELLGROVE, despite his obvious lack of sleep due to just having returned from Scout Camp, just kept on going like an energizer bunny. Eric is already licensed, while Ray, Crystal and Aaron are all working on getting their tickets, along with some of the other members of the Crew.

JR. GARS member LAURA HARTLAGE made her first contacts, too, aided by big sister ANDREA, (who recently upgraded to General class!) and one of her contacts was to Russia, which generated quite a bit of excitement.

Another bit of excitement was created by DAVE KNOWLES, when he successfully made some satellite contacts for us, adding an additional 100 bonus points to our stash. (We got a clean sweep this year... earned 'em all, folks!) GREG MAULDIN and Dave teamed up on Saturday afternoon to bring us the audio from the ISS on one of its passes. They were unable to make a contact, but it was exciting to many of us just to be able to hear the voice of SUSAN HELMS so clearly from the space station as it passed overhead.

Just to show that you CAN teach an old dog new tricks, RANDY DRESCHER made his first contact on PSK-31, and got "hooked", spending several hours

making contacts in what was a new mode for him. Preferring to stick to their "old mode", JOHNNIE FEARON and RON LANGSTON kept pounding out the contacts at the 40M CW station almost non-stop all night long, fueled by a steady flow of java. Our other CW guru, HOWIE GOULD, who is still recuperating from pneumonia, stopped by for a visit and enjoyed chatting with the many folks who were so glad to see him. JEFF HARRISON brought the Gwinnett ARES van over, and IKE CHAPMAN spent most of the weekend sitting with it so we could all get a look-see. It was great to see LARRY OSBOURNE and wife ELLEN visiting with us again this year from Charlotte, and rumor has it that they may be moving back to GA. We even had a visitor from India, MICHAEL MENEZES (VU2IJX) who lives and works in the area, and plans to come to a club meeting soon.

In case you missed it, there were articles and photos in the Gwinnett Daily Post on Sunday, June 24, and in the AJC on Monday, June 25, on our Field Day. The reporters seemed to enjoy themselves, and spent more than an hour walking around and asking questions. They were favorably impressed with our set-up, as were the many non-GARS-member hams who attended. One ham told me that he'd been to many Field Days before, but that ours was the best he'd ever seen. (It sounded so good the first time that I made him say it again!) I either sent follow-up post cards or emails to each of the visiting hams who'd signed in, (with the exception of Michael, whose address on QRZ is still listed as being in India) thanking them for

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attending our Field Day, and inviting them to our club meetings and activities. Could be we'll even end up picking up a new member or two...

Our Field Day activities did, however, have one very unfortunate happening during the tear-down. The GARS signature crank-down tilt-over tower-on-a-trailer that we've enjoyed for so long is kaput. Thanks to the club members who cooperated in a team effort to put it together years ago and to the fine folks who've stored it, towed it, and set it up and tore it down over the years. Special thanks to the fellas who spent so much time and effort in the futile attempt to salvage it when it stubbornly refused to crank down after Field Day. Believe me, they really tried, despite their exhaustion factor, and they deserve our thanks for all of their efforts. And for sure, thank goodness that no one was hurt.

With at least 215 people spending time with us for Field Day, I obviously can't mention something about each one, but I wish I could. So many people did so many things to make this year's Field Day experience a positive one for all of us. Special thanks to BOB VARONE and each member of his committee for the terrific job y'all did pulling it all together. Thanks, too, to the as yet unidentified person who generously donated trays and trays of Entemann's goodies that we all enjoyed so much.

If you are a GARS member who made it to Field Day this year, and you spent some time socializing with visitors and GARS members, or assisted someone in making a contact, thank you. I promise you that the visitors noticed the friendly and welcoming atmosphere. And appreciated it. If you're a GARS member who couldn't be with us this year, I hope you'll be able to join us next year.

The next executive meeting will be on July 9 at Valentino's Restaurant. It's on the other side of 316 from Briscoe Field airport in Progress Center. They have great Italian and Greek cuisine. We'll eat at 6

and meet at 7. Please feel free to join us. We have some important items on our agenda, and your input could make a difference. And really... the food is GREAT. (And reasonable)

Our next meeting will be on July 19, and the program will be on mobile antennas, and VP SID WILLIAMS will be giving his report on establishing a scholarship fund, as well. As you are all zipping around this way and that on your summer vacations, please be careful. DAN KEOHAN inventoried our club assets, but he didn't include our most valuable asset.... and that's you, our members. Take care of yourselves.

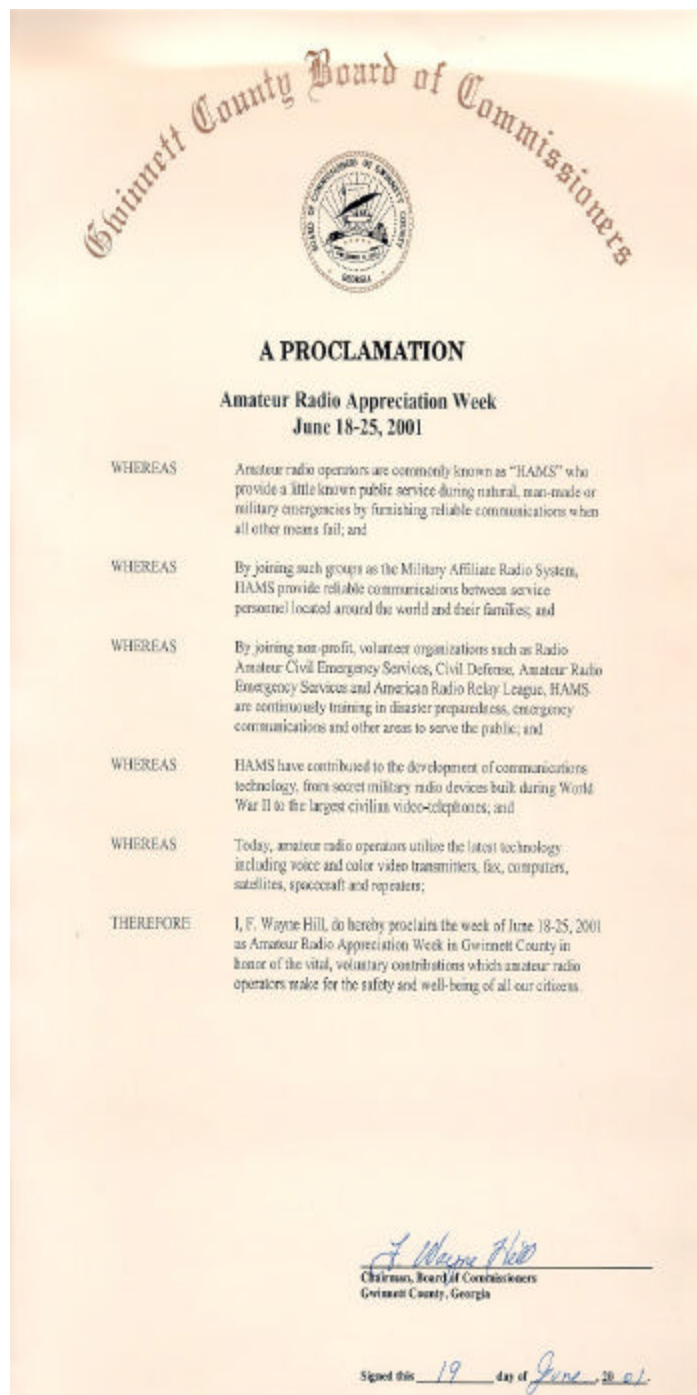
Until next month, this is AF4FO, signing clear. 73



Proclamation 2001

By C.W. Key

The Gwinnett County Commission recently issued a proclamation honoring Amateur Radio by declaring June 18-25th as Amateur Radio Appreciation Week. GARS President Susan Swiderski, AF4FO and other GARS members were on hand for this event. We are pleased that the county recognizes the important role Amateur Radio plays in public safety and as a club, we are grateful for the use of county property to house our radios and erect antennas.



On The Air With Lou Manglass, NY4F

By Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM

This month's On the Air article features Lou Manglass, NY4F. Lou was born in Stony Point, NY (a small town along the Hudson River, about 35 miles north of New York City.) Lou's family has been in that area since near the turn of the last century, almost since his Grandfather came to the U.S. from Italy. The area they live in was the site of a pivotal battle in the American Revolution, and it even has a lighthouse. Stony Point has grown a lot from the rural area it used to be. In 1970, Lou graduated from Albertus Magnus High school, which is located in Bardonia, NY. It is a religious Roman Catholic High School about 15 miles from his old home. Lou worked through the last couple of semesters of college as a maintenance worker and groundskeeper at a state hospital. Then he worked as a technician at a Ford dealership. For ten years, beginning in 1976, he owned an independent auto repair shop. Then he worked at Yugo America for 2 years, in various positions in the Service Department. In 1988, he began working for Saab Cars USA as the District Service Manager for metro New York. Then, he and his family moved to Georgia, in 1996, so that he could become Saab's Warranty Compliance Manager, and so he did. To this day, he is with Saab, but moved to the Parts Department in 1998.

Lou has always been a scanner listener and SWL. He studied for his amateur radio exam when he was 13, but gave up when he couldn't attend a test session. Then, he regained his interest when one day, his son came up to him and asked him to take him to a test session. Lou was very surprised because he didn't even know his son was studying! Then, Abe Gittler, K2YHM

talked Lou into taking the Novice test, and he passed! He tried the technician exam because you had to take two tests to get a license then, but he needed more time to study. So, after another month of studying, he passed the technician exam! When he went to take his CW 5WPM test, the VEs made him try the 20 and 13-WPM tests first, but he didn't pass. When he took the 5WPM test, he made the entire 5 minutes solid copy! So, the Volunteer Examiners had him try the 13WPM test again!! That wonderful test session was with a sightless ham, KG2HN, formerly KB2VUH. Amazingly, the racket from the Braille typewriter helped Lou concentrate on his code. So, all in the same evening, he passed both the 5 and 13WPM tests. Believe it or not, he later, as a VE gave the same ham his 20WPM test. Although Lou had no single Elmer in coming in to amateur radio, he wants to thank the many hams that answered all his questions.

Lou found the study books by Gordon West helpful to him. Other study books he tried had either spent too much on the theory and not enough on the test questions, or too much on the test questions and not enough on learning the theory. (Gordon West books are available at Radio Shack.) In order to learn the code, which was hardest for Lou, he listened to five word per minute code tapes on his commute from upstate New York to Long Island which he made three days a week. Although he doesn't recommend it, he built his speed to 20WPM by listening to 40 meters and occasionally getting on the air himself.

Lou got his first Novice ticket in September of 1993 and his Technician ticket in October of 1993. Since it took ten weeks to get your license then, and you had to wait until it was in your hands to get on the air, he couldn't start talking until around Christmas of 1993. Lou was 41 when he was first licensed. He was originally N2XFY, but he had a strong opinion that your Callsign should match your call district, so he had it changed to NY4F when he moved to Georgia which it has been ever since. Although not his first choice, it is made up of letters from his original call. After upgrading in fall of 1995, he kept going, passing his 5 and 13WPM code test in September, earning his General in October, his Advanced in November, and Extra in December. Although, in reality, he didn't pass his code and earn his extra until Field Day of 1996, which is why he has a special fondness for field day.

His first rig was an HTX-202 handy talkie. Lou and his son purchased a Heathkit HW-101, their first HF rig, and Lou still has and uses both of them. Now his station consists of the HW-101, HTX-202, Icom IC-706, Heathkit SB-200 Linear amplifier for HF, Yaesu FT-736R VHF/UHF radio, MFJ tuner, G5RV wire antenna for 80-10 meters, 6 meter dipole, 5 element two meter yagi, and 11 element yagi for 432MHz. Since Lou's home is in a "protected" neighborhood, the above antennas are as many as he dare put outside. He trades out the ones in his attic.

His favorite part of ham radio is the reason he upgraded to Amateur Extra, being a VE. He also likes the camaraderie. When he travels around the country, he is welcome on most repeaters and frequently gets invited to club meetings. Lou works 80 meters through 70 centimeters, except 220 MHz, which he hopes to do soon. His favorites are 20M, 17M, 6M ssb, 2M ssb, and 70 cm. He prefers ssb, has been active on packet, dabbled with AM, PSK31, and other digital modes. He's started to put together a station for Oscar 40. He uses FM for local repeaters and simplex.

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Scenes from GARS Field Day, 2001

(pictures courtesy of Ike Chapman, K4WEC)



Scouts in Alaska Ask for HF Sked

Lawrenceville GA, USA— Victor Gann, W4VEG received the following email from a scout in Hoonah, Alaska.

“Mr. Gann,

Our scout troop is located in Hoonah, Alaska (40 miles west of Juneau). We are planning a 4 day camp trip beginning the 25th of July. I am working on getting a suitable antenna up at the campsite for HF contacts, to introduce the scouts to ham radio.

Any chance of scheduling a contact with your crew to give our troop some good experience, and answer questions?

Your consideration would be appreciated.

Keith W. Bettridge (Keith)
AL4K”

Watch your email for sked times. If you have any questions, Victor may be reached at victorg@mindspring.com

On The Air with Lou Manglass (Continued from page 11)

Lou has had two very interesting QSOs. One was when he worked a North Carolina station, W4WSR, Ottmar Fiebel on 432 MHz ssb. It wasn't until Lou got the QSL card that he thought the QSO interesting because when he got the card, his wife immediately recognized the name. After arranging a sked on two meters, they determined that he was a long lost relative from his wife's family. They were then reunited after 20 years last fall. Another interesting QSO he had was an eyeball QSO. One Saturday morning, at a GARS breakfast, he ran into Ade Wirth, N2BSG, and currently W4ADE. During their conversation, they figured out that, when living up north, they had belonged to the same radio club (The State-Line Radio Club of NY and NJ) and lived about a mile away from each other, but, for whatever reason, they had never bumped into each other. As if this weren't interesting enough, they discovered they were now both members of GARS, and they still lived about a mile away from each other, except now in Georgia. Lou wants to, but so far has not succeeded in, talking to KC4AAA in Antarctica, any station in Alaska, Hawaii, and Australia.
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Lou would also like to do the ultimate DX, moonbounce, once he moves to a neighborhood with no antenna restrictions.

The part of GARS Lou likes best is the size of GARS because GARS has an expert in almost all areas of ham radio, making it so their is always help and experience for those with questions. Lou also likes the camaraderie of the club. Another reason he likes GARS is because of the percentage of active members, unlike other clubs who have many members, even more than GARS, but hardly any are active members.

Lou is married to Karen who has no interest in amateur radio whatsoever. Lou also is blessed with two children, Lou and Lisa. Lou is 20 and will be a senior at the University of Georgia this fall. He is a general class amateur radio operator with the current Callsign of N4WWU, formerly N2WWU. Since the Morse code requirements have been relaxed, he plans to upgrade to an Amateur Extra. Lisa is seventeen, and she will be a senior at North Gwinett High School this fall. The study book is in her hands now, and so hopefully she will take some licensing exams soon. Since it is now summer, she can study to become an amateur radio operator, instead of for final exams, which, of course, had to take highest priority over the school year.

Lou gives this advice to new hams. Getting your “ticket” is just the beginning. Consider it a license to learn, you have demonstrated your capability to assimilate advanced technical concepts, now is the time to actually begin absorbing them. Experiment and don't be afraid to ask questions, you may get some impolite responses from hams who think you should have remembered the subject from your exam preparation, but the majority will be pleased to help you. The only dumb question is the one not asked.

Thank you Mr. Lou for taking time out of your day to write three and one half pages of answers to my interview, and then to sit with me for about two hours showing me your shack, letting me operate, etc. Wow!

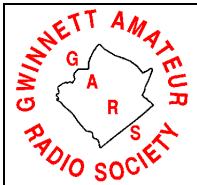
73 until next month everyone,

KG4IUM, Andrea

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Upcoming Events

Committee Chairs:

Let's fill this feature with dates and events to keep GARS members looking ahead!



July 2001

Executive committee
19th GARS Club Meeting

August 2001

Executive committee
16th GARS Club Meeting

September 2001

Executive committee
20th GARS Club Meeting

October 2001

Executive committee
18th GARS Club Meeting

November 2001

Executive committee
15th GARS Club Meeting

December 2001

Executive committee
GARS Holiday Party

January 2002

Executive committee
17th GARS Club Meeting
26th Tech Fest (Tentative)

Meeting Time
&
Location

3rd Thursday, 7:30 PM
Central Baptist
Church,
Gwinnett Drive,
Lawrenceville
Talk in 147.075(+) MHz
82.5 PL Tone